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Saturday July 22 - 1899

This has been a busy day for all of us and you both my own little girl. This morning we were surprised with company to stay over Sunday with us and you enjoyed it as only a little one like you could. This whole afternoon you spent under a tree near the door with a number of little ones and this afternoon you were busy at home and away from home part of the time. Aunt-Lola came down and stayed until quite late and you and she had a very happy afternoon together.
Sunday July 23, 1899

Today we were a very busy train last Sunday as we invited all of our folks and Uncle and Aunt Carrie and the babies down to take dinner with us.

We had a very good time together though it has been most terribly warm and all suffered with the heat but you and Carrie Helen seemed almost unconscious of it all because you were too happy together. Grandma seemed quite well and enjoyed seeing your babies having a good time.
Monday July 24

Today has been rather much quieter but your and Mamma and Russell went across the way to see the little new baby there. We are not contented unless one are it about once a week anyway. This evening we were all quite scared up over a hard rain storm that came up very suddenly. You seemed very frightened for a short time.

You were all asleep and forget all your troubles.
Tuesday, July 25

This morning we were surprised with a box of fish from the north where Uncle Harry and Aunt Bassie are on their wedding trip. You seemed almost afraid of the large white fish and trout as you Papa held them up.

This afternoon Grandpa and Grandma came down for a few minutes and you sat on the porch back for the first time in all your life that you were ever on a porch back. You were happy as well as frightened.
Wednesday July 26

Today you have been a very good little girl giving almost no care at all and this money Mama had from Uncle Henry saying they will retain tomorrow evening that will be very much fun for Soocie. This evening we went up to Aunt-Carrie and you seemed very happy on listening to the tuned playing and you always do when you come home. Very tired little mind. Mama hushed her little girl off to bed as soon as she possibly could.
Thursday July 17

Today we have been back and forth from Across and have done quite a little toward preparing for their house coming and you were just happy over it all then this evening you met with us to the train to meet them and helped celebrate at their house until long after bed time.

When you reached home you were both a little bit all a cross little girl for you had had almost too much fun. I think for 20
- Friday - July 18 -

I think the most fun you and Marlowe too have been today has been running back and forth to Aunt Bernie and I think my little girl has enjoyed it much too. You seem to enjoy most-playing with their new kitchen things. They seem so bright and just the things for little girls like you. Then you have enjoyed having Uncle and Auntie take them meals with us so much. Tomorrow at tea time they will be in their own home.
Saturday July 29

Today I have been out more or less and this afternoon I took Aunt Ada down to her bather they told me you felt most of the time while Mamma was gone at Aunt Bessies. You are beginning to feel very much at home once there and Mamma is glad that you love her so much. We are preparing to send the diary at Grandpa's tomorrow with Aunt Bessie and all the rest.
- Sunday July 30 -

Today was another very happy one for my little bonne girl as she went to church this morning and then you Uncle Fred came down and took Mama and little brother over to Grandpa and your Aunt Bessie and Uncle Harry took you over with them. You were the first of our family to take a ride with them in their new carriage in fact you took the first ride in the carriage.
- Monday July 31 -

This has been a busy day for Mama and I. I always am, but my little songs when you see Mama busy you seem to rub around and find society to do too. This afternoon we simply cut-in the hammocks and rested for it was so very sunny. You seemed to enjoy it too almost as much as though you were older grown.

You and Mama seem to take lots of comfort together already now.
Tuesday Aug 1 -

This afternoon you have been very busy for a little one like you for you have spent most of the time ones in the next-yard with a little friend and then Aunt Brissius was over on an errand - and you went back with her and took your first meal with them this noon.

You seemed very content there when Mamma Cumst took you home. You took a good long nap and then fell into a deep sleep.
Wednesday Aug 2

This morning you were playing outside very happily when your Uncle Herman came to spend a little time with you. Then after he had been here a short time you wanted to go home with him and so Maurice was obliged to let you go. You had a most lovely day and returned about seven o'clock fast asleep and tried out most comfortably you slept soundly well.
Thursday Aug 3

Well done you have done quite well at entertaining your own self today. The
variety you sent most of your lunch at Auntie Reed and this afternoon you
took a long nap and then you spent a little lunch in the bank
with Manu. This
evening you and Manu spent pleasantly
together riding. You tell Fred told us we might
take his horse and see
and were very happy
together. You look to
ride for a chat twice and
some time to it though.
Friday, Aug 4

This morning my little Maid you were outside by yourself the most of the time and this afternoon Mamie left you for a short time to go and take Aunt Ida to her baths then this evening you had a good time with Aunt Ida and then you and Mamie went up town to hear the band play in the Fewer air. You always do enjoy this so much and have missed but very few in your Liberation.
Saturday Aug 5 --

Today Mama has been quite busy all day and you have been a dear good little girl all day. This forenoon you were out-with your little frien Hattie all day then after your nap this afternoon you had a good time with Mama and little brother out-in the hammock under the two cut-leaf maples. You, Russell and Mama have had some very pleasant afternons out-under the trees together this summer.
Sunday - Aug 5th

Today we have had a very pleasant and happy day together. This morning after we were dressed and ready, Papa took Auntie Hatcher's pony and took us for a ride. We went to visit the cemetery, and then took dinner with Aunt Besser and Uncle Henry. Then in the afternoon we drove over to Grandma's and took her out for a drive. Then this evening Aunt Besser and Uncle Henry came to lunch with us.
- Monday, Aug 7 -

Today my little one has kept herself quite busy. This morning playing outside and then afternoon Aunt Bertha came down from Petoskey where she has been spending some few weeks. She brought you several things to remember the place and her visit. Your Papa also brought you another curt-fur toy which you enjoyed and had a good time with. You did leave a good time and you also have so many play things.
- Tuesday Aug 8 -

Today you know had another big day. Early this morning after Mama had you all dressed and ready we went down street to see Sellabrooke and Adams Fireworks Home parade. Then Papa took you and Mama to the Circus in the afternoon and we did singing seeing you much about the different animals. You did love to feed the Elephant peanuts. It pleased Mama that you were not afraid of bears.
Wednesday Aug 9 -

Today you have had a most delightful time. I know you just as do about that my little girl for you spent the whole forenoon at your Aunt Bessie's and fell asleep on her parlor floor. Aunt Bessie was there too and that made you all the more happy. Then when you returned you found your little cousins May and Helen here and you did improve the dinner most lovely together.

This evening you played home for the first time your little neighbor boy Mr. Creff. And you both remembered long long for a
- Thursday, Aug 10 -

This forenoon my little
son was not with
Mamma much of the time
as she shipped over to
Hatties and there had a
good play with the little
men into there there after
your sleep this noon we
did as usual sent the
most of the time in
the hammock. Papa bought
a sick gentleman home
to dinner and you soon
saw his friend and talked
about how nearly all
the afternoon. This evening
you were nearly asleep
when Papa came home
but you were out again.
Friday Aug 11

This has been another
day nearly as warm
as it was yesterday
and I fear my little trees
suffered quite a little
with the heat. This
morning you were at Hatties
again and part of this
afternoon, too. Then your
little cousins Helen and
Morris were here and
you had another good
time with them. You
always do have and
if you are together only
a while you seem to
make the most of it.
Tonight you are
tired and warm.
Saturday Aug 12

This forenoon Mamma had quite a little to do around the house so you may little ones shipped over to your little friend Hattie and spent the very most of your forenoon and then this afternoon you went over to your aunt Bertha with me and you as always you had a most delightful time there. Then this evening your Uncle Hermann and Aunt Ida and Bertha came down and you were their delight and did your best to entertain them.
Sunday Aug 13
This has been another
most pleasant day.
We spent a very happy
forenoon here and at
Aunt Beazixe and this
afternoon we were
out-driving in Uncle
Harry's new carriage.
It was hand of Uncle
to tell us to like it and
we enjoyed it immensely.
You played until you
were very tired in the
very short time that you
were there.
Sundays we look
forward to because we
have Papa to enjoy.
Monday Aug 14.

Today it had been rather cool. Much more so than it had been for some time back.

You were out all the morning playing in the yard. Then this afternoon Auntie's Hutch took us for a little drive and then up street. You were delighted to think you could go and play with your little friend Doris and Maran was to go the kine to have you go there. The little folks are well behaved and it will do you much good.
- Tuesday Aug 13-

Today had been an almost perfect day for you and my little girl to 
vary at Grandpa's this afternoon. Auntie 
Hatshe has gone away 
for part of a vacation 
and she wanted Mama 
to take her horse Allie 
whenever I choose. You 
were delighted to hear 
the ride and also to go 
over to Grandpa.

We found them all 
quite well and glad 
to see us since you 
are always most 
welcome there.
Wednesday Aug

Today has been almost another perfect day for you. This morning being early you went down to Aunt-Brinnick and stayed until after dinner and then slept. After dinner you looked Aunt-Carrin, Helen and little Morris baby and called at Mrs. Emily Townsend out in the country. You found them chair swinging there and you and Helen made the very most of it all. You danced and danced as high as you could. I love to see my little ones hoppin...
Thursday Aug 17

Today I have had a
remarkable happy day
for you my little girl
for Papa decided Early
afternoon that we
would go to the lake
and we all went with
Uncle Hannum. Such a
good time as you and
we all did have. You
did eat more than you
have at home for
months back. You
enjoyed the water more
than ever before.
Mama knew to see
you so happy as you
were today. You cannot
help being happy my
Friday Aug. 18-

This afternoon you spent part of the time at Aunt-Beersis and then your little friend Ethel came down to see you and had such a happy time all of this day. This afternoon Mama bought all of our dresses and brought Aunt-Lida and Bertha down to spend the day of noon and stay to tea. We all had a happy time together and then we took a most lovely moonlight drive together my brother the Aunties over home after seven o'clock. You were very tired.
Saturday Aug. 19 -
Your little friend Elsie played with you the most of this day. We had planned to take a ride together and we should have done so had not Elsie been called for to go home. You did have so much fun playing outside together at your own house and ours may this afternoon. Mamaw loves so much to have your little friend Elsie Corey. You went to bed a very tired little girl and so did your Mamaw can tell you.
Sunday Aug 20

This has been another very happy day for me. So long as your dear Papa look out for you early this morning down to the Fair grounds to see the adventures grounds where they hold their gospel meetings. You enjoyed seeing the little village of tents and most of all being with Papa out for a drive alone pleased you most. As you are growing older you are becoming more attached to your Papa and he be to you.
Monday Aug 21

This furnace my little one law spent mostly in the yard all of and you came in with wet feet, hands, and all your clothing damp. Mamaw found that one of your little gentlemen friends had turned the water over you and you and he were playing in a little lake you had made. Mamaw was obliged to get you away and puttting you to bed. This broke your heart completely as it was the first time you were ever punished for what you did.
Tuesday Aug 22.

Today has been rather a cool day and yet the direct rays of the sun were very warm indeed.

But Mama took you and little brother out for a drive this afternoon just the same with the old white Allin horse.

We stopped at Aunt Cassius and you had a good visit with Helen for a little time. You did seem to enjoy it so much to. Then you took your little friend Hattie out for a short ride, it made her quite happy.
Wednesday Aug 23

Today Mamma has been very busy preparing a lunch to take to Grand Sedge tomorrow with you my little girl. This forenoon you were very good and this helped Mamma much too. This afternoon Mamma took one of her little friends and two little babies out for a ride. We drove over to the old farmers house to show one of the little children boys. She had never seen any before and she was quite delighted.
- Thursday Aug 24 -

Bright and early this morning you and mamma started for the depot to take the train for Grand Sedge. You had never ridden on the train before that you could remember and you were very much taken up with sheep, thinking you saw and just a little frightened too as you started out. You enjoyed your tuck ride and your boat ride and lunch and all the little ones and also seemed glad to get home and leave this tired ride with Alle.
- Friday Aug 23

Today my little girl seemed almost more than anxious to visit with her little neighbors and you did most all of the fun in their chil afternoon. Mama took you and little brother and you had a most lovely ride. You and brother always seem so happy and better material when you are doing something of this kind. You were both very tired and sleepy.
Saturday Aug 26

This afternoon Mama had her hands just
simply full to overflowing
and she could scarcely
find leisure to entertain
her little ones but
you were very good
then this afternoon
Mama left you alone
again with the kids.
You were very good
and very quiet and
Mama felt very fond
of you. But you were
so glad to have Mama
get-back to love and
blessings. She loves
you.
Sunday Aug 27 -
This has been a very pleasant day and quite very different from any you have ever spent before. You and Mama and brothers and Papa and Bessie and Uncle Henry all went over into the store and took out lunch and spent the whole day. We simply slept, read, and ate and had a most delightful time. I can tell you.
You then asked to go to Grandpa and made a fine meal there too.
Monday Aug 28.

Today lists been a most exceptionabl holiday and you little ones had to stay inside most of the time. But Mama gave you both a ride in your buggy and you had a big time. I'm headed for all. You are a very tried little girl. I too feel very sorry for my tried girls for they always get a little worse worse before they get through.
Tuesday Aug 29.

Today has been a very warm day and Mama has been very careful that you little ones did not overheat yourself. You both look an exception long nap and then still afternoons. Mama and her little daughter called which made you all little girls very happy. Then this evening Mama took you out for a long drive and Mama and little brother went along too. We did enjoy it so much and you both slept so well it made Mama happy.
Wednesday Aug 30

My little Uncle thinks she had a most delightful
time today and Mama
thinks you did too. You
enjoyed playing in the
yard with Mammie's
aflame and you saw
your first fine blue cat
A house near by
wholly burned. When
Mamma told you it had
burned and everything
inside you asked whether
the ladies clothes did too.
Then longed Mamma
took you and one of
your little friends
out for a ride and you
were both very happy.
Thursday Aug 31

Today had been a good day for you little girls to play outside and you made the most of it as the sun did not shine most of the time.

This noon one of your little boy friends came and took you by the hand and led you over to his house to dinner and then tonight one of your little girls came and wanted you to go with her to tea and you had a good time both times. I can tell you Mama almost drums to see you here so much so young.
Friday Sept. 1 - 1899.

Today you have been here at home with Mama much more than you were yesterday for Mama was afraid you were growing more delighted to be away from home than at home and so she thought best to teach you to remain here immediately. You have been very good all of this day however.

This evening you had one grand frolic with the rest of the little folks around here - you were a very tried little one when bed time came.
Saturday Sept. 9

This morning after you had your bottle you went out to visit with some of your little friends while Mama did her morning work and you seemed to have a good time and came home just in time for dinner. This afternoon Austin Hutchins took us out for a drive and then we went invited over to Uncle Bessie's to supper and then we look you and little brother down town to see the lights and hear the band play. Just connected you for leaving up postbag's address you退还with that. Papa likes now you know he did.
Sunday Sept 3rd

This morning Grandpa came down and took you, little brothers and Mary over home to spend the day. We had a very warm drive but were glad to real the all. I turned very cold that evening and we were not prepared for it.

You had a most happy time playing with Helen and Morris with the chickens and every other living thing.

God are so glad to see them there.
Monday Sept 4th

This forenoon you went most of your turn out in your hand box. You just did have a good time and this afternoon Marion and Papa had a good time with you for today was labor day and Papa went with us this afternoon. We spent the evening at Aunt Barney and played quite a little of the twin at mine piano and had such a lovely time with us until about nine o'clock.
Tuesday Sept 6--

Your little curls were damp the most of the day for it has been rainy and you have prespired most terribly. It has made you look all the more like Mary eyes.

This afternoon Helen and Morris came down a little while to play with you and you just loved it. You knew as usual. This evening friends you must terribly tried and

Marine is very sorry her little girl dearly going to bed so much.
Wednesday Sept 6 -

This forenoon Mamie
was quite busy sleeping
and you were nearly as
busy as we were you
took your little room
and helped dust as well
as our corder oleole than
you. This afternoon you
were delighted to think
Aunt Carrie and Helen
were coming down to
spend the afternoon. Helen
did not come so you
went over to Margery's
and stayed some little
while. You came home
and found Papa had
brought some peaches
and you ate your first peach
tonight. You thought it fine.
Thursday Sept 9

The money it raised and seemed so damp that Mamma almost freed you would not offered much time outside, but it cleared off quite a little and you were outside more or less with Hattie this afternoon. You have had a most lovely time. This evening while saying your prayers you asked Mamma if I thought the Angels had gone to Jesus and told him that you had said your prayers and been a good girl.
Friday Dec 5

You were delighted this morning to have Paf a home with you and carried quite a little so Mamma you on a good chair and had end rubber and let you play out in the rain for the first time in all your life. Then this afternoon Mamma took you and Russell out for a ride in your car to hear the De Plunkard band.

You were simply delights with it all and kept a most lonely illness of came home very tired.
Saturday Sept. 7

You had a very lovely day my little Lorne. Early this morning before
my little Lorne was out of her bath tub, your
little cousin Helen and
Moris came to stay with
you a little whilst. Then
a little later your little
friend Hattie came and
spent the whole day with
you and we all went up
town together and
did a little shopping.
This evening Muma
bought you your first
little toy dollies. You
were delighted with it and
looked it to bed with you.
Sunday Sept. 10

It has not been such a pleasant day as snow and Mama love to have come to us on the day we have Papa all to ourselves.

This forenoon Papa has been busy taking care of the sick and this afternoon you, Russell, Papa and Mama took a walk to the prison and on our way back it began to rain a little, so Papa put you both into the cab and ran as fast as he could and reached him in time so you did not get wet. You had a happy day and Mama was glad.
Monday Sept 11

Today Mama has been exceptionally busy as we are looking for Uncle Tony and Aunt Gene to come to us and stay one whole week. We are hoping to have a most delightful time together. You and Mama went to Aunt Betty's today for a short business visit as fun sure there the bus drove by in a hurry and their new formal suit company to stay with us. We received letters about a soon as they did after leaving the change. You were just delighted to think they had come and made them all feel it too.
- Tuesday Sept. 12 -

Mama and Aunt Geo. spent this forenoon together and we had a most-happy time visiting. Then their aftenoon we took you little ones down street and you were very happy. You were not well though. We called at Aunt Carrie, but did not find her as we sent the most of the time on the street looking at all the lovely things I was forced to attract your attention. Then in return and just you little ones into your little beds to sleep until morning time as soon called.
Wednesday Sept 13

This morning Mama had a most horrible fright as she learned that Grandpa had cut a terrible gash in his leg. We drove over together with Aunt Carrie and Helen and forced them things were in a very bad condition. Grandpa must always be a cripple but this time has been cured anyway. He had suffered terribly and lost much blood. When you came into the room to see him he broke completely down and shook from screaming. He is a very weak man. But our Grandpa is a good good soul. And we hope the worst is over for a long time.
Thursday Sept 14-

You and Maurice drove over to visit Grandpa again this morning and we found him quite comfortable and feeling much better than he could have hoped he could. He seemed so glad to see you my little son. You are always a great comfort to him. This evening you were as good as a savior for after you had your robe for the night-about you you began your little parlor for the evening. You are happy now having Aunt Lena with you.
- Friday Sept-15-

This morning Aunt Jane took my little Lena and
for a visit to the Church.
You did think it quite fine
and Auntie said you
were very good most of
the time.
You seem of
late as though you were
better than you have
been for some time. I left
you in care of Aunt Jane
and attended a supper
given in honor of the
Albion College. It was
very well attended and
you were a good little
girl while Marren was
away. It made Marren
quite happy to learn of
your late festival.
Saturday Sept 16

Today it has become almost suddenly warmer and Mama felt very sorry that her little girl has been dressed so very warm. You have lead a happy time today however do not run down town to the farm and saw Grandpa and Grandma. We were not there very long but we are always so glad of a little time to spend at home and always glad coming again. You will sleep well I know after your lovely swim in the open air as you did today.

Your Mama love you.
- Sunday Sept. 17

Today has been another
great-day for you and
my little lady girl for early
this morning Papa provided
to take you over to see
Grandpa and make
him happy if possible
and help him to forget
his suffering for a little
longer if possible—
Then this afternoon
he took you and little
brother out for a ride in
your little wagon to get
you were very happy
over that. I can tell
you. Mamaw went to
church for the first
time in a long while
and you are contented with
Papa.
Monday Sept 18

It has not been pleasant outside so you could not get out very much today. It has rained most of the day and has grown colder.

But you and little brother have been very happy inside and Mummy has done what she could to make you happy. You were not very delighted when you learned that Aunt Jane would return tomorrow. You have enjoyed their stay with us more than I can say. Tonight, feels you quite tired as you have been inside all day.
Tuesday Sept. 19

This morning early it looked very fine, I was thinking of my little movie and not going to have so many much fun. So you helped the carpenter with the building of the porch to some extent. Then this afternoon you had a good time for you were out in the yard until the time for you and then you were ready again for fun so Emma took you up town and you heard the band play for the first time you saw a false face and were so much frightened that you screamed.
Wednesday Sept 20

Today has been a big day for you. My little mail for you have been outside enjoying the anniversary of the first parade. The girls for the First Carnival. You were very happy about it for they went right away there this afternoon. You went on town with our Emma and you did enjoy it more than I can tell. You went into Papa's store and told him that you loved him and of course that was a good way to work on Papa's feeling and he went out and bought you little red rubber balloon. This pleased you more than Manuel ever told.
Thursday Sept 21

You have been a very happy little girl all of this day again only you have been so busy with fun and play that you could not find the time to take your nap after dinner but friendly as you told your Papa tonight that you had to you closed your eyes in quiet sleep. Then when you opened them Emma took you up to and you did have such a delightful time. You came back with your little fists full of candy and as happy child I can tell you.
Friday Sept 22

This has been rather a rainy moving and my little Lacie love could not play outside as much as she usually does though she did some. You were very happy all day and especially when you heard that Aunt Bertha and Uncle Fred were to be here to tea. You were very bright and kept your little eyes open until the company broke up and Mama was glad you proved to be such a lady all evening and Papa felt very proud of his little girl too. I can tell you.
Saturday Sept. 29th

Early this morning my little girl went over to Hatte'a Reed and spent some little time. Then you came home and spent a little time with Mamma and then you went over to be entertained by one of your girl friends while Mamma went up to Aunt Carrie to drive. You and Russell were very glad to have Mamma get back.

I think you love Mamma a little better each day of your life and I think it's the same with your Mamma too. You look a long ride this afternoon too.
- Sunday Sept. 24 -

It has been anything but pleasant today but after my little Soke started out bright and early with your Papa over to the farm house. It was the first time that you ever went out-in so hard a rain claim for so long a time. You put on your rubber and rubber and rubber and rubber and had a good time.

Mannie sent a message by you over to Grandpa and Grandma. You told them how just in the middle last night there were so much pleased Papa said that he did not forget to tell Mannie all about it.
Monday Sept 25

Today is much pleasanter. The sun is shining bright and you and little brother and Mammmie will all go over and spend the day with dear Grandpa. We all have longed so much to see him for the last few days and we shall spend all the day with him. You had a happy time eating pears, grapes and apples and then you helped Grandpa clean which always tastes so much better than any other to you. Aunt Bertha took me home after a happy day together.
Miss Lona Völker
West Main St.
Ionia, Michigan
My Dear Lena:

I did not expect you to be such a good gift giver for Christmas. I was so surprised when I received your lovely gift. Sweetheart, I cannot tell you how happy it made me. It made music in my heart.
my heart, for love you know
is so beautiful, and I think the
love of little children is most
beautiful of all for Jesus
says that they are more like
angels than anything else in
all their world. It is lovely
to make music in the hearts
of others, isn’t it? When we do
a sweet song is sure to come right
into our own heart. So I am sure
that my little girl had a
Merry Christmas. May God bless
you and keep you darling and
give you a happy, happy New
Year. Your loving friend,

Jessie D. Myers

Dorina, December 26, 1907
Miss Lena Voecker
Formias
Michigan
Dear little sweetheart,

Uncle Uncle Expected to have an opportunity to thank you for your brother's beautiful photographs but we did not meet
and now you are away off in the North Country so I send my thanks and goodbye through the mail. I suppose
Kisses do not travel very well by mail nevertheless I send some to you.

With love to you all,

Uncle Uncle.
- Tuesday Sept. 26 -

This morning you and I started down street early to do some shopping for Aunt-Idea. She expects soon to go to Chicago in search of his health and see if helping her get her truck ready. You took a ride in your carriage, and also helped Mamma get her packages home safely. Then this afternoon Mamma took you down to Aunt-Carrie to stay with Helen while we made a few calls. Aunt-Bessie and Mamma. You had a most lovely time with your little cousins. You said -
Wednesday Sept 27

You and little Russell and Mama went over to
the farm house to spend
the day again today.
Russell was a good boy
and you did much to
entertain Grandpa and
to make the hours glide
swiftly by for him. This
afternoon Emma brought
us home. Mama put
you and brother into your
little beds early and you
left until about
half an hour before
Mama returned. When
I came in Emma had
little brother in her arms
and you were setting a
chair containing our meals.
- Thursday Sept 28 -

You and I started quite early this morning for the further home to see how Grandpa felt, and we tried to bring Aunt-Edie here with me but she
would not come. Then this afternoon Aunt Carrie came down to see us for a little lunch. It did us lots. If good for
we had not seen her for some little time.

You are waiting for Papa to come home early tonight and put you into your little bed. He promised he would come
and you are waiting
Friday Sept. 29

This has been a very full day for you my little lad. After our morning work you and Marie started down town to do our shopping for winter. Marie bought you a new red coat and bonnet. And many little things for the winter. You were made quite happy over it. I can tell you. You are getting to be quite a help to Emma at least. So you think for you have dried the dishes for her quite often lately. Then you had a nice horse ride this afternoon with Aunt Carrie and Aunt Bessee. You sure was happy.
Saturday Sept 30

You have had a most delightful time today and you will be surprised by little Helen and Morris and also a little late by little Ethel Fuller who came to spend the day. You had a good time going up town today and this afternoon we took a trip up to the prison to go through that place, you enjoyed that so much and many of the prisoners cast a smile toward you while you were not looking. You seem much better for one of your ages.
Sunday Oct-1-1899.

I know of another happy little girl tonight and she lives near by. You were very happy all day and your merry little string of laughter ran all through the house all of this day.

You had a lovely ride with Papa and Mama this morning and this afternoon Papa sang while you played on the little piano of yours. How much fun you and Russell did think you had and Mama out by listening and enjoying it all of the time. Then this evening you begged of Papa to put you bed and Mama did not dare to help.
Monday Oct. 2 - 1899

After you were dressed and ready for the day, this morning you asked to go to Aunt Bessie's to spend the day. You did seem had a most lovely time. You talked with Papa after dinner over the phone and told him you would come home after you helped Aunt Bessie wash seven and lots of dishes.

It is quite fine to hear your dear little voice over the phone and Mama does to hear it most anywhere but it sounds very sweet over the wires.

Tonight you say you are writing a letter to Uncle George in New York.
Thursday Oct. 8

This forenoon you went
helping Mamma do a little
decorating out-in front on
the walk. You seemed as
interested as Mamma did
and finally you found a
little bird that had been
hurt and never dead. How
during you did feel as picked
up the little thing and
carefully sympathized with
its condition. Mamma
could not help but think
how kind a little heart-
her little one did have
to even look after the little
dead bird. Then this afternoon
Aunt Bertha came down
and took Mamma and Lora and
little brother out-for a long
ride while I made up hopes.
Wednesday Oct 4

This morning my little girl had a little girl friend come and play with her on the east-porch. Little Doris and Doris had a good time there together for some time and then the little ones hurried away to the dinner table. Then this afternoon Auntie Hatch took us out for a drive and then Aunt - Benson took us out for a still longer drive. We had a very pleasant afternoon together in more ways than one. My little Sora did not have a very  interesting night, however as you lead a high fever until after midnight.
Thursday Oct 8th 1899

My little Ione Elizabeth started out bright and early this morning with Mama to go to the farm house when we met Elliott Fuller who took you with you up town. You had a most lovely time with her and often Mama reached home she found you were out again and then she went out with another Auntie to gather nuts for this winter. Joe and little brother spent the day together without Mama and in a very good way. They stuck pretty close and very much for.
Friday Oct 6 1894

This forenoon you and a little friend living close by whose name is Corry had a most happy time playing together in our door yard and then this afternoon Emma and you and Russell and Mamma took another very nice ride over to the farm and Aunt Bertha had a good ride too. We were all very much refreshed through doing so and felt that our trip and afternoon could not have been better spent.

This evening you and little brother here glad to get to bed and asleep as soon as possible — 
Saturday Oct 7 - 1899

This has been another very happy day for you my little girl as your little friend Etta came down to spend the day with you and you made the most of it and then this afternoon we all took another ride over to Grandpa and you little folk did much to cheer him for you always make him very happy whenever you are near.

We then drove home with two rather not very good valued little folk and with a tired Mamme I came tell you.
Sunday Oct 8 - 1899 -

Today you experienced something quite new for you my little maid at least since you can remember.

You went with Papa and I and Aunt Carrie and the different Aunts and Uncle to the Bailey house for dinner.

You seemed quite delighted over the different things you saw and did. Then after dinner we took the Allin horses and drove over to the farm and around to the different favorite places. We had a very hopping day together. You and Russell both took a good nap while we were riding too.
Monday Oct. 9 - 1889 -

Little did we know this morning when we opened our eyes what this day had in store for us. Uncle Fred came in and said that he, Aunt Carrie and Mama would be obliged to start to Chicago with Aunt Lida to seek her health. After Mama put you into your little beds and kissed you many times and often I crept off and left my little ones for almost a week. Mama thought oft of you my little ones during the night and worried what you were doing and whether you were doing morning men or I saw you.

Tuesday Morning finds Mamma in Chicago and very far from my only little one. You have often been thought of by your Mamma so very far away. Three long days and the first that Mamma has ever left her little one.

Mamma has been and is on a very anxious trip. The most anxious I have ever known. We are looking for Aunt-Ida's health are doing every thing we can to help her find it if possible. She has suffered much so far and we hope

Friday Oct 13 - 1849

This morning found Mary at home again with her little Sony and how glad I was to think the time had come when I could once more be with my little girl. When Mary reached home she found her little Russell fast asleep in her cradle and found her little Sony at hand. I was almost disappointed at not finding her at home but when Mary reached the farm you were so glad to see Mary you loved me again and again. Would run and play and come back and kiss Mary often.
Saturday Oct. 14 - 1899 -

This has been a closely happy day, for you my little girl, for Mama has been with you for the first day for some time and then your little friend Ethel was here all day. You have played until your little feet are all tired out, and your little eyes look dim and weary. We took a ride this afternoon and took little Ethel to her house on the hill. Her Mama was very glad to see you and she asked you come and spend the day with them next Saturday.
Sunday Oct 16 -- 1897

Today we had a very pleasant day. You and Mamma started out to Church together and we did enjoy it so much. Then after coming home to our dinner, we took another long ride out into the country and never got back home until six o'clock. You little folks were sleepy and very tired and we hurried you into your little beds. You helped Papa drive, sing and talk during your dinner.
Monday Oct. 16 - 1899 -

Papa took this day off rather a vacation and we have been rather a little more of leisure today than usual. He took you and I out for a long drive today. We went in search of nuts and did not find one but you had the fun of picking up a few with Papa. It made you very happy and you seemed much delighted with the whole trip from A. to J. Mamma was much delighted to see you enjoy it so much.
Tuesday Oct. 17—

It rained quite a little after our drive yesterday so we could not drive out to the farm as we had planned so we took the drive out there today.

On our way out you became quite chilled and you expressed your sympathy went out for the Allie house and you said to me, "Momma I should think Allie would almost freeze without any dressing on." Momma could not help feeling very much delighted for she knew her little piano had done some thinking for that reason.
Wednesday Oct 18

Our lesson was rather a chilly day and the little Song April could not be outside as much as usual. But your little friend Conj
Curry ever and look your wee home with her a little before noon and the next thing Mamma came of her little. Since you and your little friend were outside with long dressed and train. You did look so cute and were having such a good time that Mamma almost felt young like you again. Nothing makes Mamma happier than when you are having a good time.
Thursday Oct-19-

It has been rather a cold and rainy day and Mama and the little ones have stayed right in. We have not been unhappy either. Further is much here to keep the little ones happy. You have been very good and happy too. Tell of this day. Mama was very proud of you this afternoon and with the many you entertained the ladies who called until Mama could appear. You are a very good girl at all times.
Friday Oct 20--1849

This has been a very long day and Mama has enjoyed it very much to
for it has little birth-
day and no one here
thought of it. But myself,
Mama did tell you very
true but you did not-
know what. Mama must
try it so you were more
the mind. We look Auntie
Morganbates and knew
our home today for a
little times and that
did please me very much. 
This evening Papa
happened to think about
my breath day so I have
not been entirely forget
Saturday Oct. 21-

This day has been a

true treat to you for

little Elsie came bloming
to take you to her home
to spend the day and

you were simply very

happy over it. You

went along and came home

with great stories to
tell about the good

time you had there.
You seemed

so happy over your

visit and Elsie seemed

no happier then as you

did. You said you'd

got back and see

Miss... through. Sea

and more that.
Sunday Oct 22

Well some time has been another perfect day for you my little girl. You went to church this morning with Mamma and stayed to Sunday School too. You seemed more contented than last Sunday. Then this afternoon you did enjoy a nap by the side of your Papa so much. Then this evening Mamma spent the most of the time telling you stories and reading some too. You and little Russell went to bed very tired little folks. I can assure you. Mamma loves you.
Monday Oct. 23-

Today has been almost perfect for little folks like you outside. You have been simply happy like a little bird let loose.

This forenoon you went over to little Cosy and you and she just tried lots of fun. Such romps as you do have. Then this afternoon you were outside and helped Papas mow the yard. This evening after supper you complained of your little legs being tired and asked hard Madea reflected them thoroughly and put the little girl snug in bed.
Tuesday Oct 24

This has been another most beautiful day and Auntie Hatch took the horse this morning to see Grandpa and Grandma for a little while. You were very much disappointed at having to come back so soon for you had hoped to stay all day and when you reached home tonight you were very tired and the afternooPapa came home again and you were helping him do this and that about the place. You were very happy all this most lovely day. Mama loves to care for you when happy.
Wednesday Oct 26—

This forenoon Mama was obliged to leave her little ones as she had an engagement with the dentist. You cried as Mama left home in the car all but it did not last long and you were happy again soon.

Then this afternoon Aunt Bertha came down and took you and brother and Mama out for a long drive.

You were full of fun and kept Aunt Bertha and Mama happy.

Oh! I wish all the time
But was disappointed yours trul.
Thursday Oct. 26

This has been a damp, cold and rainy day and my little one could not go out any today so we made the best of it. You are very good too. You say little one has come down today with a very hard cold and Mamma is very sorry for it but she'll do all she can to help you out of your trouble.

You were quite delighted tonight to hear you had a birthday come and made Papa promise you two dolly.
Friday Oct 27

It has been another very damp rainy and cold day for you little girl. You could not go outside any today as you were already hoarse with a cold and Mamma feared for you and it was a disappointment to you. But tonight you were made more than happy when Papa said at last that he would not go back to his work any more tonight but would stay with his little girl. You had a most lovely evening together and fell asleep in Papa's arms.